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The Honorable Board of Supervisors County of Los Angeles 383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration 500 West Temple Street Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Supervisors:

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS: LOS ANGELES COUNTY WATERWORKS
DISTRICT NO. 40, ANTELOPE VALLEY,
REGIONS 4, LANCASTER, AND 27, LITTLEROCK
AWARD OF CONSULTANT SERVICES AGREEMENT FOR
DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION SUPPORT FOR
SIX DRINKING WATER WELLS AND A PUMP STATION
(SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT 5)
(3 VOTES)

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD ACTING AS THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY WATERWORKS DISTRICT NO. 40, ANTELOPE VALLEY:

Award and authorize the Director of Public Works or his designee to enter into a consultant services agreement with Tetra Tech, Inc., to provide design construction support for six drinking water wells and a pump station for the Los Angeles County Waterworks District No. 40, Antelope Valley, for a not-to-exceed fee of \$1,162,000.

### PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

The purpose of the recommended action is to provide design and construction support for six injection/extraction drinking water wells and a 5,000 gallon-per-minute pump station for Regions 4, Lancaster, and 27, Littlerock, in the Los Angeles County Waterworks District No. 40, Antelope Valley (District). The wells and pump station are needed to provide additional groundwater supply for high water demand periods and during dry water years.

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#### Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

The Countywide Strategic Plan directs that we provide Service Excellence (Goal 1) and Community Services (Goal 6) by constructing water system facilities to enhance the reliability of water service to the District's customers and improve the quality of life for Antelope Valley residents.

### FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

There will be no impact to the County General Fund. The agreement is for an aggregate not-to-exceed fee of \$1,162,000, including \$105,287 for unforeseen additional work. Additional work within this amount will not be performed without prior written authorization from the Director of Public Works. Funding for the agreement is available in the Fiscal Year 2007-08 Waterworks District No. 40 Accumulative Capital Outlay Fund (N64).

## FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

Tetra Tech, Inc., was selected in 2006 following the contracting process set forth below pursuant to California Government Code Section 4526, et seq.

Public Works will complete the negotiation of the agreement, including the fee for services, pursuant to California Government Code Section 4528.

Tetra Tech, Inc., has demonstrated satisfactory compliance with the County of Los Angeles Code Chapters 2.200 (Child Support Compliance Program) and 2.203 (Contractor Employee Jury Service program).

The agreement will be based on the form included in the 2006 Request for Proposals, which has been reviewed and approved as to form by County Counsel. Additionally, the agreement will contain special provisions requiring Tetra Tech, Inc., to comply with the Safely Surrendered Baby Law and the standard provisions mandated by your Board.

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#### **ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION**

The consultant services under this agreement do not constitute a project or approval of a project pursuant to Section 301 of the Environmental Reporting Procedures and Guidelines adopted by your Board on November 17, 1987, and Section 15378 of the California Environmental Quality Act guidelines.

#### CONTRACTING PROCESS

Pursuant to California Government Code Section 4526, et seq., on August 16, 2006, Public Works published a Request for Proposals to develop a Select List of engineering consultants to provide design and inspection services for the construction of drinking water wells and appurtenant facilities. The Request for Proposals was sent to 35 firms, advertised on the County's web page, listed on the Office of Small Business website, and placed in several publications. The firms determined to be best qualified for the work were ranked as follows: 1) Tetra Tech, Inc.; 2) CDM; 3) Kennedy/Jenks Consultants; and 4) Lee & Ro, Inc.

The firms are assigned work based on their ranking order on the Select List. Since this is the first work order for the subject Select List, Public Works is recommending the award of the work to Tetra Tech, Inc., the first ranking firm on the list.

Participation by Community Business Enterprises (CBE) is encouraged through Public Works' CBE Outreach Program and the requirement that consultants demonstrate their good faith efforts to utilize CBEs. Tetra Tech, Inc., is aware of Public Works' CBE Outreach Program and their proposed CBE participation is on file with Public Works.

## IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

This agreement will enable the District to construct wells and a pump station to enhance the District's services to its customers by improving the reliability of the water supply to portions of the Cities of Palmdale and Lancaster and the unincorporated Littlerock area. The Honorable Board of Supervisors September 4, 2007 Page 4

# **CONCLUSION**

Please return two adopted copies of this letter to the Department of Public Works, Waterworks Division.

Respectfully submitted,

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c: County Counsel